

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits that the action has been made final in error.

Claims - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 17, 2 to 7 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of US 6,439,908 to Silverbrook et al.

Claim 17 is restricted to a cartridge that has a pagewidth printhead mounted to a casing that allows the user to simultaneously remove the casing and the pagewidth printhead from the printer. The Examiner has equated the casing of the present invention to one of the modules 12 used in the '908 printer. The Examiner has further equated the MEMJET chip 18 with the pagewidth printhead of the present invention.

Removing a single module 12 does not simultaneously remove a pagewidth printhead. Each module 12 has only one chip 18 (see col. 2, lines 9-16). The chips 18 are 21mm long (see col. 3, lines 7-10). Indeed the purpose of the '908 design is to provide the pagewidth printhead as a series of separate modules that can be individually removed and replaced so that the removal of the entire pagewidth printhead is unnecessary.

Accordingly, the cited reference does not teach all the elements of claim 17 and hence it fails to support a §102 rejection. As claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 depend from claim 17, they are also novel in light of the '908 disclosure.

Claims – 35USC§103

Claims 8-10 stand rejected as obvious in light of '908 in view of US 6,281,912 to Silverbrook et al. Claims 11-16 stand rejected as obvious in light of '908 in view of US 6,281,912 to Silverbrook et al in further view of US 6,557,976 to McElfresh.

None of the cited references disclose a cartridge with casing configured for user removal and replacement of a pagewidth printhead together with the ink storage. Accordingly, the citations do not support a §103 rejection of any of the dependent claims.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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